

Proposal of Cohort V of the International Lasallian University Leadership Program¹

IALU 2011 Cohort

As the result of the leadership program, we propose that:

1. We seek to promote in a living manner a deep Lasallian faith and spirituality that spreads our shared mission to teach minds, touch hearts, and transform lives.
 - a. To clarify and promote the process by which Lasallian partners can become Lasallian associates.
 - b. To invite all, regardless of faith, culture, and race, to partake in a Lasallian education relevant to the needs of the entire person to help them realize a free and fully-lived human existence.
 - c. To emphasize how faith and reason are complementary pathways for the formation and sustainability of the Lasallian community with respect to our mission, vision and vocation as Lasallian educators.
 - d. To strengthen the process by which we accompany teachers in their Lasallian journey so that they may "walk with" their students. (Accompaniment: to help our students in their spiritual, personal, social, and professional lives.)
 - e. To build enduring relationships and community through the development of a common global identity, joint educational service learning programs, and deep networking through face to face and digital means.

¹ The International Lasallian University Leadership Program, which occurs every summer at Casa La Salle in Rome, is an intensive two-week immersion program for college and university faculty and leaders from around the globe concentrating on the Lasallian educational heritage and Catholic institutional identity. Participants form a dynamic community of learners who share rich experiences of their own professional work, receive instruction on Lasallian core values and the Catholic intellectual tradition, participate in daily prayer, visit significant historic sites in Italy, examine core documents of the 330-year-old Lasallian educational movement, and commit to a project that advances their institution's mission.

Founded in 2007 under the inspiration of Dr. John Wilcox of Manhattan College, the program is sponsored by the Lasallian Association of College and University Presidents in the USA. Dr. Roxanne Eubank of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, the program's current Director, is also Executive Director of Institute for Lasallian Studies at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. About 50 college and university faculty and leaders from around the world participated in the two-week program from June 5-18, 2011 and here presented is the statement of engagement on behalf of the Lasallian educational mission that they put into writing in their final days together.

2. We strive to be agents of transformation both within and beyond our respective institutions and to develop visionary character among all members of the community.
 - a. To contribute to the formation of a more peaceful and just community through targeted community social justice programs, educational programs, applied research and action-oriented initiatives.
 - b. To nurture the sense of human love that allows us to recognize and respond to the needs of any and every community.
3. We endeavor to unite the different members of the international Lasallian network to develop strategies that strengthen our individual institutions and the work we do.
 - a. To promote international meetings of Lasallian universities with the specific objective of bringing together institutional and program leaders to achieve academic and cultural exchange between campuses, teachers and students.
 - b. To define the guidelines for exchange programs in specific and interdisciplinary areas.
 - c. To build a universal Lasallian community, with a collective identity established through a branding initiative, and with whom we continue to collaborate and share the vibrant work with which we are engaged on our campuses, in our countries and throughout the world.
4. We commit to providing educational access to the impoverished and underserved by allocating human and financial resources for this purpose and continuing to create opportunities to be of better service according to the mission of the Founder.